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| <p>In re the Application of:</p> <p><b>TSAO, Betty P. <i>et al.</i></b></p> <p><b>Serial No.:</b> 09/909,317</p> <p><b>Filed:</b> July 18, 2001</p> <p><b>For: GENETIC MARKER TEST<br/>FOR LUPUS</b></p> | <p><b>Examiner:</b> Johannsen, Diana B.</p> <p><b>Group Art Unit:</b> 1634</p> <p><b>Docket No.:</b> 42778.8013.US01</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 6th day of December 2004 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p><br/>Rena lov</p> |
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir,

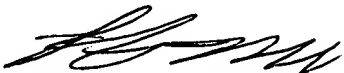
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated November 15, 2004, the applicants respectfully re-submit the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on October 29, 2004 with the proper status identifier for each claim.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2586.

A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: 12/6/04

  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Madam,

The following is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 28, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on p. 2.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on p. 3.

**Remarks** begin on p. 7.

**Conclusion** begins on p. 11.